



To the National Marine Fisheries,

2/20/03

Re: Orca depletion status

The newspaper article left no address to contact you for comments. If this was made more public, more people would reply because everyone loves the Orcas. These are symbols of our Puget Sound cultural importance. They are icons of our history and the fabric of our Northwest tapestry! They certainly deserve more than a small, backpage newspaper article with no contact number!!!!

We cannot lose these beautiful sea mammals. I represent a 600-member group who are fighting to return depleted populations of land animals in our area, at the foot of Mt. Rainier. We do this

for our children and their children.

We all know that life on land and in the sea is connected as huge webs that cannot be broken.

The Orca are one of the most prominent and most precious of our assets. Yet their home area is limited. They only have a small area to live in and it's constantly being polluted, leaving their populations in danger. If we don't act now, my grand children may never see them in the wild. We have the chance to do something before it's too late. Please help them.

Thanks for reading & considering my comments.

Respectfully - Mardel Chowen

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